

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11-27 and 30-35 are pending in the present application. In the foregoing amendments, claims 11, 16, 21, and 32 have been amended to make more explicit some of the features recited in these claims and to be consistent in terminology with other claims. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification and claims of the application as filed. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments above and the remarks below

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11-13, 15-18, 20-23, 25-27 and 30-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Tiedemann *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,392,287 A), hereinafter referred to as Tiedemann.

Tiedemann discloses apparatus and method for reducing power consumption in a mobile communication receiver. In Tiedemann, a message directing the mobile station to update the overhead information may have a one or more fields containing "sequence numbers." The receiver reads the sequence number contained in each such field and stores the value. When the next message containing such a sequence number is received during the next slot cycle, the receiver reads the sequence number in each sequence number field and compares them to the corresponding sequence numbers that were previously stored, usually during the previous slot cycle. If any of the sequence numbers have changed, the receiver provides an indication to the processor in the mobile station which is associated to update the overhead information (see col. 8, lines 54-68; FIGs. 5a-5b).

In contrast, independent claim 1 recites "transmitting a packet to said access terminal during a first time period, said packet including unicast information associated with said access terminal; and transmitting a set of overhead parameters during a second time period, said overhead parameters including system configuration information associated with said access network." It should be noted that on page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner cited Tiedemann (FIG. 5a, Address field 220 with mobile ESN address 222; col. 7, line 15-35; col. 8, line 16-50) as allegedly disclosing the limitation "said packets including unicast information associated with

said access terminal” recited in claim 1. Applicants respectfully disagree. What Tiedemann discloses is that “messages may include an *address field having the ESN of the receiver* and one or more action fields instructing the receiver to perform other actions...” (see col. 8, lines 32-52, for further detail). In other words, the address field (along with one or more action fields) is included in *each* message in Tiedemann (e.g., each of messages 110 and 116 shown in FIGs. 5a-b), as opposed to transmitting a packet including unicast information during a first time period and a set of overhead parameters during a second time period, as recited in claim 1.

For at least these reasons, Applicants submit that independent claim 1 is patentable over the cited reference. Applicant respectfully request that the rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

Independent claims 6, 26, 30, and 33 each recite features analogous to those recited in claim 1 and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons claim 1 is allowable, as stated above. Applicant respectfully request the rejection of these claims be withdrawn.

Independent claim 11, as amended, recites “receiving a packet including unicast information associated with said access terminal during a first time period; receiving a signature during said first time period; and determining whether to monitor said control channel to receive a set of overhead parameters during a second time period, based at least in part on said received signature” (emphasis added). Applicants submit that claim 11 is also patentable over the cited reference, for at least the reasons stated above. Applicant respectfully request that the rejection of claim 11 be withdrawn.

Independent claims 16, 21, and 32 each recite features analogous to those recited in claim 11 and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons claim 11 is allowable, as stated above. Applicant respectfully request that the rejection of these claims be withdrawn.

Claims 2, 7, 12-13, 15, 17-20, 22-23, 25, 27, 31, 34, and 35 each depend from one of independent claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 30, 32, and 33, and therefore are also allowable, for at least the reasons given above. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of these claims be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Office Action rejected claims 14, 19, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tiedemann in view of Harte (U.S. Patent No. 5,794,137).

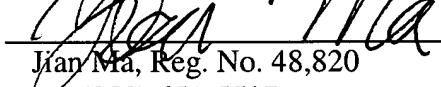
Claims 14, 19, and 24 each depend from one of independent claims 11, 16, and 21 and therefore are also allowable, for at least the reasons given above. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of these claims be withdrawn.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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